

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 5, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Duncan,

Excused Absence: Mayor Grove, Aldermen Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

A quorum was present.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to appoint Tom Ptak as Mayor Pro-Tem in the absence of Mayor Grove.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Duncan

NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Monday, June 20, 2016 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of the St. Hyacinth's Bazaar Committee to block off 11th Street between Hennepin and Tonti on Saturday, August 13, 2016 from 5 p.m. until 12 a.m. for the annual bazaar. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to grant the request of Illinois Valley Dolphins Swim Team to hold a Tag Day collection at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin and at La Salle businesses on August 13, 2016 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request of the La Salle Peru Township High School Football to hold a Tag Day Collection on July 30, 2016 at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin and at La Salle businesses. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request from Ameren Illinois to break ground at 2921 Chartres Street to retire gas service. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request to close 6th Street from Crosat to the west end of the property at 1055 Sixth Street on Friday, July 8, 2016. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

A straw poll vote was taken regarding the request from the La Salle Peru Township High School Color Guard to hold a Tag Day Collection on Saturday, July 16, 2016 at 11th and Bucklin and at La Salle businesses. Each and every alderman has a copy. All aldermen were in favor.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for May 2016 showing total fees collected of \$2,571.00 with total value of Construction of \$135,261.84. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

BIDS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the engineer's recommendation and award the bid to the low bidder Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. for the 2016 MFT Maintenance Program. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Duncan

NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 5-0

**Bids: Universal Asphalt &
Excavating, Inc. \$273,747.92
Advanced Asphalt Company
\$331,333.22**

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the authorization of Pay Estimate #2 to Universal Asphalt and Excavating, Inc. totaling \$45,781.25 for the widening of County Road 13 for the entrance to Rotary Park. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Duncan

NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve the authorization of Pay Estimate #3 and Final to Gensini Excavating, Inc. totaling \$7,898.03 for the 9th Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Duncan

NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Bacidore brought up some concerns about vehicles accessing Prairie Lake from the blue building near the treatment plant. Jeff Bumgarner stated that a gate will be installed shortly which should help alleviate the problem. In addition, Alderman Bacidore expressed concern with high flames at the leaf drop off area. He suggested the area possibly be manned and a nominal fee charged to drop off branches and leaves. Discussion followed. The issue will be investigated further to see if some solutions can be found.

Alderman Demes expressed concern about teens walking in the middle of the road versus using the sidewalks.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

Attorney McPhedran explained that the Ordinance being considered regarding a Natural Gas Use Tax was recommended by Azavar, Inc. The ordinance closes a loophole to bring out-of-state purchasers of

natural gas who use it in La Salle in line with others who purchase and use natural gas in La Salle. According to Azavar, this should not impact an overwhelming majority of La Salle residents.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve **Ordinance 2644-** An Ordinance amending City Code of Ordinances Title III, Chapter 34 and implementing a City Natural Gas Use Tax. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Duncan

NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Ordinance 2644: An Ordinance amending City Code of Ordinances Title III, Chapter 34 and implementing a City Natural Gas Use Tax.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to approve **Ordinance 2645:** An ordinance amending Ordinance 2599 regarding the Regulation of Billboards and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Duncan

NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Ordinance 2645: An ordinance amending Ordinance 2599 regarding the Regulation of Billboards

COMMENTS

Tom Ptak on behalf of Mayor Grove thanked everyone who volunteered and attended Celebrate La Salle. Finance Director Duncan added that it was a successful event and that expenses were covered by sales which was a positive step in the right direction. The event will be continued in the future and hopefully will remain successful for years to come.

Alderman Demes updated the council that the demolition of the collapsed building on Third Street has been completed.

City Engineer Brown indicated that the Sidewalk Program and Murphy Drive concrete replacement bid openings are set for July 14, 2016. He stated that the Rotary Park widening striping will be done by the end of this week. The county portion striping will be done at another time.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to allow Michael Merriman to address the council.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Merriman resides at 1353 Bucklin Avenue. He explained he moved in recently and is dealing with sewer back-up issues. He was told the City may have a cost sharing program to install a backflow valve. Discussion followed. It was explained that the City does not currently have a program in place. City Engineer Brown indicated that this is an area with a separated storm sewer, so back-up should not occur, however the home is in a low lying area. He suggested the sewer in the area be televised to ensure no connections are there that shouldn't be. He also recommended the resident get an estimate from a contractor so the City has an idea of what cost is involved. Finance Director Duncan stated that in Peru they have a program where the City will do a 50-50 split up to a set amount, as well as an established number of how many residents can take advantage of the program each year. He thought a similar program was presented to the council for consideration several years ago, but no action was taken at the time. Attorney McPhedran stated that the council will have to research this program and decide if they want to institute a program of this nature.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Demes that bills submitted totaling \$322,757.71 (Total Payroll \$180,114.93, Bills to be Paid \$127,033.31, Total Bills Paid \$15,609.46) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Duncan

NAY: None Absent: Aldermen Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider Abstain: None

Motion Carried 5-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 7:40 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Brown".

Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk